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1. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND PRESS HAVE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION WITH PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S VISIT TO BONN JANUARY 17-19. PRESS, PERHAPS COMPENSATING FOR FEARS OF UNSYMPATHETIC GERMAN RECEPTION, PLAYED VISIT AS POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENT FOR ANDREOTTI. IL CORRIERE DELLA SERA HEADLINED REPORT "GERMANY WILL HELP ITALY OBTAIN AN INTERNATIONAL LOAN," WHILE LA STAMPA ASSERTED "BONN SUPPORTS THE ANDREOTTI LINE." CORRIERE ARTICLE TERMED VISIT AN UNDENIABLE PERSONAL SUCCESS FOR ANDREOTTI.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM JANUARY 19, ANDREOTTI EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER OUTCOME OF TRIP, IN PARTICULAR OVER CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT FOR GOI'S EFFORTS IN ITS DEALINGS WITH IMF. EXTENT OR NATURE OF FRG'S SUPPORT TO ITALY IS NOT CLEAR EITHER FROM PRESS OR COMMENTS BY ACCOMPANYING SENIOR OFFICIALS, FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
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GENERAL MONDELLO AND TREASURY DIRECTOR GENERAL PALUMBO. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECMIN, MONDELLO CONFIRMED WARM AND POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS AND INDICATED THAT NO SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OR ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN MADE OR RECEIVED, ALTHOUGH GERMANS CLEARLY EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT. PALUMBO TOLD ACTING TREASATT THAT KEY PHRASE TO DESCRIBE ITALO-GERMAN RELATIONS

IS "ACTIVE COOPERATION."

3. WITH REFERENCE TO IMF NEGOTIATIONS, MONDELLO REPORTED THAT WHILE SCHMIDT SHOWED POSITIVE ATTITUDE ABOUT SUPPORTING ITALY, HE HELD ALMOST UNQUESTIONING CONVICTION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS OF WHATEVER POSITION WAS ADOPTED BY IMF, ITS IMPARTIALITY, ECONOMIC JUDGMENT, ETC.

4. WHILE NOT REFERRING DIRECTLY TO THE BONN VISIT, PALUMBO REPORTED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON PENDING EC LOAN COULD RESUME AT EC FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING IN FEBRUARY. HE ADDED HIS EXPECTATION THAT IMF STANDBY NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CONCLUDED IN FEBRUARY. ALTHOUGH HE MAINTAINED THAT NO FORMAL LINK BETWEEN TWO NEGOTIATIONS EXISTED, PALUMBO INDICATED DE FACTO LINK IN THAT BOTH IMF AND EC HAVE DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL GOI HAS COMPLETED ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY ACTION ON REDUCING LABOR COSTS. MONDELLO CONFIRMED SUCH LINKAGE, AND EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS OVER THAT FACT. HE IMPLIED THAT ITALIANS HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO OBTAIN FRG AGREEMENT TO REMOVE LINK.

5. PALUMBO ALSO REPORTED THAT GERMANS WOULD PUSH HARD FOR MULTILATERAL SUPPORT FOR ITALY, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, MENTIONING WHAT WAS SPECIFICALLY INTENDED. PALUMBO ADDED THAT IT WAS NO ACCIDENT THAT SCHMIDT'S STATEMENTS CONCERNING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ITALY STRONGLY RESEMBLED THOSE OF SECRETARY SIMON, SINCE HE HAD HELPED WRITE BOTH.

6. ALTHOUGH OUR INTERLOCUTORS DID NOT MENTION IT, IT SEEMS
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CLEAR THAT SCHMIDT'S SUPPORT FOR ANDREOTTI AND HIS GOVERNMENT ALSO CONSTITUTED ENDORSEMENT OF MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS DEALT WITH ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY SINCE ONE OF RESULTS OF VISIT HAS BEEN PUBLIC REAFFIRMATION THAT GERMANS WOULD NOT ACCEPT COMMUNIST COUNTRY WITHIN EC. MONDELLO, WHILE NOT GOING INTO DETAILS, QUOTED SCHMIDT AS TERMING ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT "MAGNIFICENT."

7. SOME ITALIAN PRESS REPORTED THAT TWO COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO PERIODIC EXCHANGE OF VISITS, THUS PUTTING ITALY ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH FRANCE AND UK VIS-A-VIS GERMANY. HOWEVER, MONDELLO SAID THIS WAS BROUGHT UP BY SCHMIDT, GOI RELAXED ABOUT NEED FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS AND IN ANY CASE NOT SUFFERING FROM INFERIORITY COMPLEX AND WOULD STUDY MATTER.

8. ANDREOTTI COMMENTED TO DCM THAT SCHMIDT CERTAINLY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AS FIRMLY INCONTROL OF GOVERNMENT AS PREVIOUSLY. HE INDICATED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN SPD AND FDP APPEARED STRAINED. IN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR VEIN, MONDELLO (WHO

SAT NEXT TO SCHMIDT AT STATE DINNER) REPORTED THAT SCHMIDT
WAS QUITE WORRIED ABOUT WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND PARTI-
CULARLY PROBLEM OF INFLATION. VOLPE

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